Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The Byron Bible Camp, north of Huron, South Dakota, began providing Christian camping for young people in 1937 and has continued and expanded this Mission throughout the past fifty years; and,

WHEREAS, The Byron Bible Camp was begun as an outgrowth of the work of the American Sunday School Union and later became an independent interdenominational work; and,

WHEREAS, The Byron Bible Camp, from its inception, was operated under the leadership of Rev. Eugene C. Harmon until his death in 1971; and,

WHEREAS, The Byron Bible Camp has been directed, since the Founder's passage, by his wife Hazel Henley Harmon, his sons Philip, Craig and Joel together with their wives, and has continued to grow in its message and ministry; and,

WHEREAS, The Byron Bible Camp has provided camping services for thousands of young people throughout this state and nation and has been the birthplace of Sunshine Bible Academy, now located near Miller, South Dakota, and the James Valley Christian Schools located adjacent to the Bryon Bible Camp grounds; and,

WHEREAS, The Byron Bible Camp has, for many years, provided free or low cost camping experiences for many hundreds of American Indian children and families living on reservations throughout North and South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The Byron Bible Camp has provided facilities for a Pheasant Hunt Bible Camp, which has attracted hundreds to participate in this state's glorious outdoors while enjoying Christian fellowship; and,

WHEREAS, The Byron Bible Camp has remained true to its Motto "Bigger, Better, Braver, Byron" and more importantly to its Mission on this earth for fifty years:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 4, 1987, as

BYRON BIBLE CAMP DAY

in South Dakota, and I further extend the best wishes of the state and its citizens to the Camp as it begins its second fifty years in service to its Great Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE